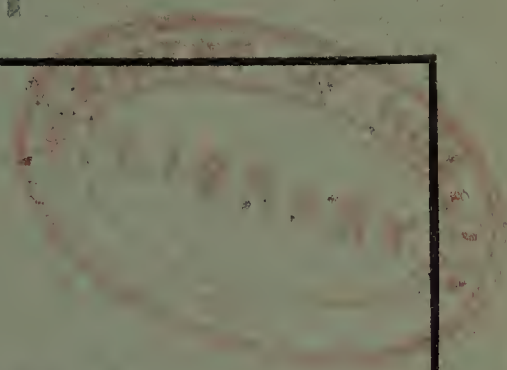


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REPORT

On the Health and Sanitary Condition of the

WESTBURY URBAN SANITARY DISTRICT

for the Year

1937

Presented to the Westbury Urban District Council

by

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*To the Chairman and Members of
the Westbury Urban District Council.*

I BEG to present my Annual Report for 1937 on the Health
and Sanitary Condition of your District.

General Statistics.

Area—3,686 acres.

Population 1931—4044. 1937 (estimated)—4,164.

Number of Inhabited Houses—1,299.

Rateable Value—£20,759.

Product of a Penny Rate under Rating and Valuation Act
1925—£77 : 11 : 0.

Chief occupation of the inhabitants — Clothworkers,
Glovers, Railway Employees, Cheese Factory Workers
and Agricultural Labourers.

Extract from Vital Statistics of the Year.

BIRTHS.

Legitimate—Male 17, Female 19.	}	Total 37.
Illegitimate—1 Female.		

Still Births. Legitimate—1 Male, Total 1.

Birth Rate—8·8 per 1000.

Birth Rate for England and Wales—14·9 per 1000.

DEATHS.

Male 21, Female 18, Total 39.

Death Rate—9·3 per 1000.

Death Rate for England and Wales—12·4 per 1000.

Number of Women dying in or in consequence of child-birth—Nil.

Deaths of Infants under 1 year of age—Male 1 (Legitimate)

Notifiable Diseases during the Year.

Pneumonia—1.

Scarlet Fever—2.

Puerperal Pyrexia—Nil.

Erysipelas—1.

Tuberculosis—New cases notified in year, 2.

	Pulmonary.		Non-Pulmonary.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.
35—40	1	...	1	...
Deaths—	Nil.			

Nursing Arrangements, Hospitals and other Institutions available for the District.

Nursing.—There is one certified Midwife who also undertakes general Nursing in your District.

Clinics.—Maternity and Child Welfare—District Nurse.

School Clinics—Under County Council.

Tubercular Clinic—Trowbridge, Wednesdays, 10 to 1, by C.T.O.

Orthopædic Clinic—Trowbridge, Fridays, 10 to 1.

Venereal Clinic—Trowbridge.

Hospitals—Tuberculosis: Winsley Sanatorium; Harnham, Salisbury.

Isolation Hospital—Trowbridge.

Smallpox—Swindon.

Westbury & District Hospital—20 beds.

Prideaux Hospital, Westbury.

Institution for Unmarried Mothers—None.

Laboratory Work.

Arrangements are made with the Salisbury Infirmary Pathological Department and with the Clinical Research Association in London for Pathological and Bacterial Examinations for cases of suspected Tuberculosis, Diphtheria and Typhoid Fever.

Ambulance Facilities.

Infectious cases—Provided by Isolation Hospital.
Non-infectious and Accident cases—Trowbridge Red Cross Ambulance.

Legislation in Force.

Adoptive Acts.

Infectious Diseases Notification Act, 1889.
Baths and Wash-houses Acts.
Public Health Amendment Act, 1890.
Infectious Diseases Prevention Act, 1890.
Public Health Act, 1925.

Byelaws.

New Streets and Buildings (Revised 1925).
Tents, Vans and Sheds.
Nuisances.
Cleansing of Footways, Ashpits, Privies, Etc.
Slaughterhouses.
Common Lodging Houses.

Regulations.

Dairies, Cowsheds and Milkshops.

Water Supply.

This has been satisfactory in quality and quantity, the gallons pumped, including the supply to the parish of Dilton Marsh, being 54,625,000, approximately 27·2 gallons per head per day inclusive of that used for trade purposes.

Streams.

The improvement in the condition of streams continues.

Drainage.

Improvement in the drainage of old premises still continues and 10 houses have been dealt with during the year.

Closet Accommodation.

The substitution of Water Closets for Pail Closets and Privies has been carried out in connection with 9 houses.

Scavenging.

House refuse is collected weekly by the Local Authority and is now done by motor.

Swimming Bath.

The Covered Public Swimming Bath has been in use since 1887, the water being obtained from a piped supply from a spring.

Housing Acts, 1909 - 1936.

Provision of Houses.

During the year the Council completed the erection of 12 three-bedroomed houses, 4 four-bedroomed houses and 8 flats.

Statement of work carried out during the year ending 31st December, 1937, under the above acts in the Westbury Urban District.

1. Inspection of Dwelling-Houses during the Year :

(1) (a) Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	20
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose ...	46
(2) (a) Number of dwelling-houses (included under sub-head (1) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925	6
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose ...	6

(3) Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	1
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(4) Number of dwelling-houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation	4
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2. *Remedy of Defects during the Year without Service of formal Notices.*

Number of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their officers	7
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3. *Action under Statutory Powers during the Year:*

(A) Proceedings under sections 9, 10 and 16 of the Housing Act, 1936 :

(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs	2
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(2) Number of dwelling-houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices :

(a) By owners	4
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(b) By Local Authority in default of owners	Nil
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(B) Proceedings under Public Health Acts :

(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied	Nil
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(2) Number of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices :

(a) By owners	Nil
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(b) By Local Authority in default of owners	Nil
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(C) Proceedings under Sections 11 and 13 of the Housing Act, 1936 :

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|---|-----|-----|-----|
| (1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made | ... | ... | Nil |
| (2) Number of dwelling-houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders | ... | ... | Nil |

(D) Proceedings under section 12 of the Housing Act, 1936 :

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|---|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| (1) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made | ... | ... | ... | ... | Nil |
| (2) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the tenement or room having been rendered fit | ... | ... | ... | ... | Nil |

4. *Housing Act, 1936. Part IV.—Overcrowding :*

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|---------|--|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| (a) (i) | Number of dwellings overcrowded at the end of the year | ... | ... | ... | 2 |
| (ii) | Number of families dwelling therein | ... | ... | ... | 2 |
| (iii) | Number of persons dwelling therein | ... | ... | ... | 12 |
| (b) | Number of new cases of overcrowding reported during the year | ... | ... | ... | 1 |
| (c) (i) | Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year | ... | ... | ... | 6 |
| (ii) | Number of persons concerned in such cases | ... | ... | ... | 54 |
| (d) | Particulars of any cases in which dwelling-houses have again become overcrowded after the Local Authority have taken steps for the abatement of overcrowding | ... | ... | ... | Nil |

The position of the Council's activities under the provisions of the Housing Act 1930 at the end of the year was :

Number of Demolition Orders made (Section 19)	...	11
Number of houses demolished	... ..	3
Number of persons displaced from houses demolished		3
Number of houses in respect of which undertakings for repair have been accepted (Section 19)	...	28
Number of houses rendered fit for occupation as a consequence of such undertakings	... ..	27
Number of houses in respect of which undertakings to close have been accepted (Section 19)	...	12
Number of houses remaining closed as a consequence of such undertakings	... ..	6
Number of houses closed as a consequence of undertakings and subsequently rendered fit or used in enlarging adjoining houses	... ..	5
Number of houses in respect of which statutory notices to repair have been served under Section 17	...	85
Number of houses repaired as a result of statutory notices under Section 17	... ..	63
Number of houses made fit as a result of informal notices preliminary to formal notice under Section 17	... ..	118

Number of New Houses Erected and entered on Rate Book during the Year.

(a) By Private Persons or Bodies	... ..	27
(b) By the Local Authority	... ..	24

Cowsheds.

Inspections have been made and conditions found satisfactory.

Meat.

One whole carcass was condemned for tuberculosis.

Factories, Workshops and Workplaces.

1.—Inspections of Factories, Workshops and Workplaces.

		Inspections.		Written Notices.		Occupiers Prosecuted.
Factories	...	15	...	Nil.	...	Nil.
Workshops	...	15	...	Nil.	...	Nil.
Workplaces	...	Nil.	...	Nil.	...	Nil.
Total		30		Nil.		Nil.

2.—Defects found in Factories, Workshops and Workplaces.

Number of Defects—Nil.

Causes of Death.

					Male.		Female.
All Causes	...	...	...	...	21	...	18
Cancer, malignant disease		...	...	...	...	...	3
Cerebral Hæmorrhage, &c.		...	...	..	2	...	2
Heart disease	...	...	...	...	4	...	1
Other digestive diseases		...	...	...	3	...	2
Pneumonia (all forms)		...	...	...	1	...	1
Other respiratory diseases		...	...	...	1	...	2
Nephritis	...	...	...	...	2	...	...
Senility	...	...	...	...	2	...	1
Violent Deaths (not Suicide)		...	...	...	3	...	...
Other defined causes	...	...	...	...	2	...	3
Bronchitis	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Influenza	...	...	...	...	1	...	1
G.P.I. Tabes, etc.	...	...	...	...	...	...	1

I have the honour to be,
 Your obedient Servant,
 E. T. SHORLAND.

